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Mr. Donald Campbell, Superintendent
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
USDI National Park Service
P.O. Box 65
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Dear Mr. Campbell:

On June 22, 2003, I conducted an aerial survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Approximately 44 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60%) and 13 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100%) were detected in the Park while an additional 80 acres of heavy defoliation were detected in the vicinity (Figure 1). This defoliation was not caused by gypsy moth but was caused by fall cankerworm, *Alsophila pometaria*.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2004, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 22, 2003.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
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Forest Health Protection

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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial survey conducted at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park on June 22, 2003.